

SENATE BILL 2771

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to sentencing for criminal offenses against minors, elderly persons, or disabled persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-111, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) If the victim of any criminal offense is an elderly person, a minor, or a disabled person, then the court is authorized to increase the sentence for the offense to the grade above the prescribed sentence for the offense.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, elderly person means any person at least sixty (60) years of age or older.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.